



## **Executive Summary**

Western Illinois University's two campuses represent a 4.5 million square foot infrastructure that supports over 13,500 students, 1,960 faculty and staff, and 95,000 alumni. Administratively, the Auxiliary Facilities System, reporting to the Vice President for Student Services, manages and oversees the development of University Housing and Campus Dining Services, University Union, and Campus Recreation. The Physical Plant, reporting to the Vice President for Administrative Services, manages and oversees the development of all other campus facilities. Together, Western Illinois University's facilities managers create beautiful, safe, and accessible campuses where life-long relationships are established, ideas are tested, and learning is inspired.

This *Report*, the first in an annual series, updates the campus community and Western Illinois University Board of

### **Fiscal Year 2005 Accomplishments**

*Higher Values in Higher Education* called for the establishment of a physical master plan for all campus facilities, grounds, technology, and infrastructure. A master pre-planning committee with representation from the President's Office and each Vice Presidential division was established and completed a QBS selection process for choosing an architectural and engineering firm to help the University prepare for campus master planning. The selected master pre-planning firm will work collaboratively with the campus community, following precedent established in development of the University's Strategic Plan

Personal Growth values the development of the whole person inside and outside of the classroom, and reinforces the campus commitment to safety and environmental sustainability, as evidenced by:

- Completing bond issuance for all residence halls and University-owned apartments not currently sprinkled.
- Completing Phase I baseball field improvements, including dug outs, batting cage and field improvements, new sod, and designing updated spectator seating and amenities.
- Coordinating efforts of the campus We Care committee to complete a 200 foot berm extension along the Q-Lot and University Avenue, planted annuals a

- Continuing to work in partnership with the City of Macomb and other governmental agencies to improve the access and entryways to campus; and continuing to work with the City of Macomb to improve the housing quality in areas near campus through regulation and cooperation.
- Enhancing University landscapes with sensitivity to issues of maintenance and water conservation and preference for species native to Illinois.
- Engaging in campus permanent (maintenance) improvements.
- Evaluating sources of pollution, considering prevention and reduction, and pursuing mitigation.
- Finalizing Memorial Hall occupant relocation, with actual design and construction work occurring during the next three years.